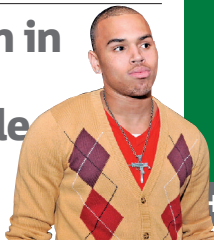


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Anything goes at camp, says coach



McCartney tickets go on sale Friday

EVENT Sir Paul McCartney fans, you probably don't need a reminder, but just in case, here it is.

Tickets to see the ex-Beatle at the Halifax Common July 11 go on sale Friday at 9 a.m. Early bird tickets cost \$125 each. There will also be between 5,000 and 6,000 VIP tickets available at \$305 each.

Tickets will be available at the Ticket Atlantic box office, at select Atlantic Superstores, by calling 451-1221 or online at ticketatlantic.com.

Halifax will be the only Canadian stop on his summer tour.

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Charlie MacLeod, left, grooms Viviane Kavanaugh's hair as the two sit in a nest in The Chimp Forest display at the Discovery Centre in Halifax Thursday. The display is part of a new exhibit opening Friday titled Discovering Chimpanzees: The Remarkable World of Jane Goodall. The exhibit runs until Sept. 7.

Chimp exhibit

Bill Clinton gives city his take on elections

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EVENT A knowing smile flashed across former American president Bill Clinton's face when he noted Thursday that Nova Scotians are heading to the polls to pick their next premier.

"I love elections," he said, inciting chuckles from the hundreds who filled the Halifax Cunard Centre to hear what he had to say about everything Bill Clinton from the economy to the environment.

"Most of the 30 years that I was in politics, we normally debated two things. What are you going to do? And how much are you going to spend on it?"

But there was little debate "over the most important question of all: how are you going to do this?" he said, which is what Nova Scotians should be asking party leaders now.

Clinton, who is the United Nations Special Envoy for Haiti and runs his own non-governmental organization, called "how?" the question of the 21st Century. He said everyone will have to help answer that question, whether the problem is the financial crisis or global warming.

"If you can answer the 'how' question, no matter what problem you're talking about, you're going to be just fine," Clinton said.



A crappy situation

Water commission removing screens preventing solid waste in harbour

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Oh crap. Solid waste will be flowing freely into the Halifax Harbour for an indefinite period.

Halifax Regional Municipality Mayor Peter Kelly confirmed Thursday evening HRM's water commission is, or soon will be, removing screens to keep solid waste from flowing into the harbour.

Wastewater has been flowing into the harbour since January when a flood at the Halifax facility caused a power outage and put the \$54-million facility

out of commission. The plant isn't scheduled to reopen until next spring.

Now solids, also referred to as "floatables," will be doing the same.

"Is it the perfect situation? Absolutely not," Kelly said.

He said when the sewage plant became inoperable, eight sewage screens were used at outfall stations to keep solid waste out of the harbour. He said four screens were removed recently and another four will be gone within the next week because they aren't meant to be a long-term fix.

"It just became impractical

to try and continuously clean them and have the screens running continuously," James Campbell, spokesperson for the Halifax Harbour Solutions Project, told CBC. "The decision was made that rather than risk damaging the machinery, to remove the screens."

Kelly said there "may be options to explore" for alternatives to keep the solid waste out, but didn't know if the timeframe or economics would make that plausible.

Council was most recently briefed about the possibility of the screens coming down this week, and

Kelly received an email at 1:55 p.m. Thursday saying they would be removed.

The story broke through a CBC TV report Thursday night, something Kelly said "could have been dealt with in a more proactive basis," but that it was under control of the water commission. With a summer packed full of major events this summer, including the Tall Ships Festival in mid-July, the timing of this news isn't ideal.

"We'll just have to deal with it like we did for the 250-plus years that we didn't have the screens on," Downtown Halifax Coun. Dawn Sloane conceded.

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WOW! That's a lot of books

Students at Shatford Memorial Elementary School in Hubbards read 44,429 books total this year to beat out children from 85 schools in Canada and Ireland and win the Adopt-A-Library WOW! Reading Challenge, an Education Department news release said Thursday. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Local



Clark headlines Expo

Ron Clark, left, is the keynote speaker for this year's We Love our Children Family Expo taking place Friday and Saturday at Exhibition Park. Clark, who is speaking Saturday at 5:30 p.m., won Disney's American Teacher of the year award and founded the Ron Clark Academy. The expo runs Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Lunch hour a heavy cost for school board's budget

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The city's school board will have to break out the calculator to squeeze extra costs into its already tight 2009-10 budget.

Halifax regional school board members agreed Wednesday to provide free childcare for all students over the lunch hour, and to rejoin the Nova Scotia School Boards Association. Spokesman Doug Hadley said Thursday it will cost the board \$100,000 yearly to maintain its NSSBA membership and estimates free lunch supervision will amount to \$1.8-million next year.

Lunch fees sparked debate in fall 2007 when some parents started protesting the board's annual \$200 lunch supervision fee for students who live within walking distance of school.

An Education Act amendment passed that December to make free lunch supervision universal.

The school board hoped the province would help pay for the added cost, but instead the education minister gave the board an extra year to find the

"It was decided that this is the law. We have to implement it ... it makes it very hard for us to be able to find additional funds ... without impacting on the classroom."

Irvine Carvery

funds, with lunch legislation starting this September.

"In the end it was decided that this is the law," board chairman Irvine Carvery said Thursday. "We have to implement it."

Carvery said the board has a budget workshop Thursday night to talk about creative ways to pay for lunch supervision, but added he's concerned about resources being taken away from students.

"It makes it very hard for us to be able to find additional funds ... without impacting on the classroom."

Hadley said the board plans to pass its budget by the end of June.

No high-balling: Premier

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The Liberals say the Conservative government has been deliberately setting higher gas prices to bring in more tax revenue, and they believe they have evidence to prove it.

Gas prices in Nova Scotia are set on a weekly basis through regulation. Documents obtained through freedom of information requests by the Liberals show the Service Nova Scotia minister picks one price out of three options.

In every case the two options not picked are blacked out because they are deemed to be advice to the minister, which is exempt from freedom of information laws.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said the documents show the Tories were picking the more expensive option.

"This government is clearly picking the highest option," he said.

"If they weren't, why wouldn't they release it? Why would they hide information that would prove to Nova Scotians that



Premier Rodney MacDonald speaks to reporters in this file photo from earlier this year. MacDonald is drawing fire from the Liberals over gas regulation.

they were giving them a deal?"

Premier Rodney MacDonald repeatedly told reporters at a news conference Thursday there were not three options.

"There is a single formula which is fair both to rural retailers and consumers," MacDonald said. "(McNeil is) grasping for straws in the middle of an election and it doesn't surprise me."

When reporters followed up by asking why the government wouldn't release the documents,

MacDonald said: "We don't determine what goes out with respect to that. That's up to the freedom of information officers."

However, former review officer Darce Fardy confirmed the Tories are not bound by the freedom of information officer's decision and could release the documents. When this was posed to the premier he instead talked about the Liberals' plan to remove gas regulation and how it would hurt rural stations.

"If Mr. McNeil wants to go down a road where we close rural stations, I simply don't agree with that," MacDonald said. "I think it's the wrong approach."

Campaign trail

• PC Leader Rodney MacDonald was at the Nova Scotia Community College's waterfront campus Thursday promoting his plan to add 2,000 community college seats over five years. Joan McArthur-Blair, the NSCC president, spoke in favour of the plan. She said the extra seats are needed to meet the demand for new skilled workers.

• NDP Leader Darrell Dexter announced in Halifax Thursday his party would hire more nurse practitioners.

The NDP would hire 13 nurse practitioners at a cost of \$1.95 million. Dexter said hiring more will cut down on ER waiting room times because more primary care will be available.

Some of that promise — \$455,000 worth — is targeted directly at hiring practitioners at nursing homes to work with seniors.

• Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil promised to double public transportation funding from \$4 million to \$8 million yesterday in Lower Sackville. The funding would increase by \$1 million each year for four years.

**PAUL MCLEOD/
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News in brief

SPELLING BEE Cape Breton's spelling champ was eliminated from the competition at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., Thursday. Claudine Broussard, 13, of Port Hawkesbury was the first of three Canadians to be eliminated in the semi-finals after she incorrectly spelled "Eurytoma-tous."

CAPE BRETON POST

Clayton Park woman arrested on child porn charges

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Investigators with the city's Internet child exploitation unit have arrested their first female suspect, Halifax Regional Police announced Thursday. The 28-year-old Clayton Park woman faces

charges of accessing, possessing and distributing child pornography, HRP said. Police spokesman Brian Palmetter added members of the Internet child exploitation unit, known as ICE, secured a warrant to search the woman's home.

"They issued that warrant and in doing so they recov-

ered the evidence which led to the arrest," he said.

Palmetter said it is suspected she had been downloading and sending "images and/or videos," but pointed out she wasn't charged with manufacturing. "There was no indication that it was of any children in the area."

HRP said they released Kristin Rae Sheffer from custody yesterday morning, on conditions that restrict her computer use and contact with young children. Palmetter called arresting a woman on child porn charges "unusual," adding it goes to show "that it isn't just the men."

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Nova Scotia wineries captured a record 28 awards at the annual All Canadian Wine Championships in Windsor, Ont., earlier this month. **METRO HALIFAX**

Food banks receive \$50K

Law firm forgoes client appreciation to aid Feed Nova Scotia

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for Metro Halifax

Feed Nova Scotia executive director Dianne Swinemar was in the food bank's warehouse to accept a big cheque worth big money Thursday.

"We don't see a whole lot of \$50,000 cheques so that's a sizeable donation — a significant donation and a thoughtful donation," Swinemar said.

The donation comes from the Atlantic Canadian law firm Stewart McKelvey, which has several offices including one in Halifax. The firm usually hosts a golf tournament and lobster dinner for its clients, but decided "it made more sense" to give this money to provincial food bank associations in Atlantic Canada, according to Rick Southcott, the firm's regional managing partner.

Feed Nova Scotia accepted the cheque and is dividing the money with the other associations.

"These are challenging times, and it's a time when businesses need to step up," said John Rogers, the firm's CEO, who was on hand to deliver the cheque with Southcott.



Rick Southcott, left, regional manager for the law firm Stewart McKelvey, and John Rogers, the firm's CEO, present a cheque for \$50,000 to Feed Nova Scotia executive director Dianne Swinemar Thursday. The money will be distributed to provincial food bank associations throughout Atlantic Canada.

Sunny Side

These "challenging times" have led to a 20 per cent increase in the number of Canadians turning to food banks, according to a release from Food Banks Canada. Dire economic straits make it a tough time for food banks to handle the increase, but Swinemar said the support they've received from the community

means "this year has been better than most years."

She said Feed Nova Scotia received more Christmas donations last year in its history, but not before struggling through tough times.

"In the first of October, you could see almost every inch of floor space in this warehouse," Swinemar recalled.

Gary Nickerson has been volunteering in Feed Nova

Scotia's warehouse for 10 years. He said he usually puts in two full days a week, but the lack of donations meant there wasn't much work for him to do when the recession first hit.

However, he said, he has been very busy since Christmas.

"Dianne put out the message that it was low, really low in the warehouse, and the message got through to the public."

Two teens face charges in iPod, money theft

A 15-year-old male is facing several charges including robbery after Halifax RCMP say a teenager had money and an iPod stolen from him while walking on Ashgrove Avenue in Cole Harbour Wednesday night.

Police say at 6:50 p.m., a

17-year-old male noticed two males and four females coming towards him. Police say a male walked up to the victim, showed him an X-Acto knife and demanded money and his iPod.

Police say the group of six left, and 20 minutes

later, RCMP observed the group walking on Cole Harbour Road. Police stopped them and say the stolen money and iPod were located in the backpack carried by a 15-year-old female.

The 15-year-old male was scheduled to be in

youth court Thursday on charges of robbery, possession of a weapon and two breaches of a court order.

The 15-year-old female will be in court at a later date charged with possession of stolen property.

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Man dead after Hwy. 101 crash

COLLISION A 63-year-old man from Halifax County is dead following a two-vehicle crash yesterday on Highway 101 in Windsor.

Windsor RCMP say around noontime a small passenger car entered on the westbound of Highway 101 at Exit 5a, crossed the centre line and collided

with an eastbound tractor trailer unit. The victim, whose name hasn't been released, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police say the lone male driver of the 18-wheeler wasn't injured. The investigation into the cause of the crash continues.

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News in brief

DRUG CHARGES Three men are facing drug-related charges after police checked a residence in Halifax Wednesday night to see if someone was complying with court-imposed conditions. Halifax Regional Police say members of the Central Quick Response Unit went to the residence and detected a strong smell of drugs coming from the

apartment. They arrested the resident when he came to the door. A check of the apartment resulted in two more males being arrested. Police then say a search warrant was obtained and a quantity of drugs was seized. Two men arrested, ages 23 and 27, are both from Halifax. The third man, 25, has no fixed address. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Tax ombudsman aims for fairness

New job will help sort out tax complaints

COLIN CHISHOLM
for Metro Halifax



Canada's first ever taxpayer's ombudsman was in Halifax Thursday to explain exactly what he does.

Paul Dubé said his role is to be an objective party for disputes between taxpayers and the Canada Revenue Agency, which collects taxes for the federal government. He said he may rule in favour of either party, depending on who is violating policy or not acting professionally.

"We don't take sides," he said during an interview with Metro Halifax at the Lord Nelson hotel. "We are impartial, independent investigators."

The main goal, he said, is to ensure taxpayers rights are respected by the CRA. "Even if the CRA had a 99.9 per cent satisfaction rate we'd be looking at the



Canada's first ever taxpayer's ombudsman Paul Dubé.

potential for 38,000 complaints related to service or fairness."

Dubé said his office is also trying to change its policies, in an attempt to save time and money, improve tax methods and ultimately avoid future complaints.

So if Canadians feel the taxman is treating them unfairly, he said they can contact his office for free.

But the taxpayer ombudsman does not handle tax calculations, so if you

"We don't take sides."

Paul Dubé

don't agree with the amount owed to the CRA, he can't help you. The ombudsman deals strictly with taxpayer's rights, Dubé explained.

The CRA is given lots of authority in order to keep money flowing into Ottawa.

"They can seize your bank account, impose penalties in interest, garnish your wages," Dubé said. "They have pretty significant powers."

But he thinks those powers need to be used fairly, and he's there to monitor that.

The taxpayer ombudsman does not work for the CRA, rather, his office reports directly to the minister of revenue as a special adviser.

Cops warn of Bedford break-ins

CRIME Bedford residents are being advised by Halifax Regional Police about a suspicious man and two break and enters in the area.

On May 20 police say there were two reports of break and enters at homes in Bedford, and other reports of a man going into homes, knocking on doors

Information

- Anyone with information is asked to phone HRP at 490-5016 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

and asking residents for directions.

Police say there is no information to link the man

to the break and enters, but police call his behaviour suspicious.

Police describe the man as being in his late 30s or early 40s, tall, thin and well dressed. He was also clean-shaven with salt and pepper hair. He was seen driving an older model light grey/silver Mercedes-Benz.

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A teenage rugby player who slammed an Ontario high school opponent to the ground during a match two years ago was convicted on Thursday of manslaughter. In handing down his ruling in a Brampton, Ont., courtroom, Justice Bruce Duncan said the laws of Canada apply equally, on and off the playing field. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Agreement closer: Prentice

The world's biggest greenhouse gas producers have edged closer to agreement on a deal to fight global warming at crucial climate change talks in December, Environment Minister Jim Prentice said Thursday. Talks between the biggest economies, hosted last month by U.S. President Barack Obama in Washington, had helped to bridge gaps between countries ahead of the UN meeting in Copenhagen to find a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, he added. **REUTERS**

Charge upgraded to murder

STAFFORD CASE The charges against a woman accused of abducting eight-year-old Tori Stafford of Woodstock, Ont., were upgraded to murder Thursday.

Terri-Lynne McClintic, 18, previously faced charges of abduction and being an accessory to murder after the fact. She is now charged with first-degree murder and kidnapping. Michael Rafferty, 28, is facing the same charges.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

COURTS Former Hollinger International CEO Conrad Black is applying for bail pending the outcome of his U.S. Supreme Court appeal. Black's application comes the same day ex-Hollinger International Inc. executive John Boulton was granted bail.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Ottawa Sing, sing a song



Ariane Jean of Montreal-based vocal quintet Chic Gamine perform at the National Capital Commission's Canada Day lineup announcement Thursday in Ottawa. Chic Gamine performs in there July 1.

Record contraction

Economy shrinks 6.6% in Q1, report claims

Announcement

- Statistics Canada will release its report on quarterly GDP at 8:30 a.m. EDT on Monday along with figures on GDP by industry for March.

Canada experienced the biggest economic contraction on record in the first quarter, figures next week are expected to show, pushing the country into its sharpest downturn in half a century.

Gross domestic product likely shrank 6.6 per cent, annualized, in the January to March period, according to the median forecast by analysts in a Reuters poll released Thursday.

That would be the worst performance since record-keeping began in 1961 and would follow a 3.4 per cent contraction in the final quarter of last year.

"This will be the worst two-quarter start to a recession that we have seen in the post-war period," said Avery Shenfeld, chief

economist at CIBC World Markets.

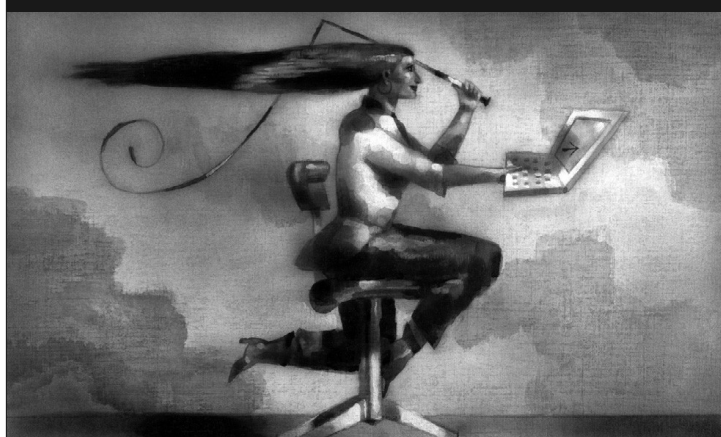
The Bank of Canada, which has already cut its benchmark interest rate to 0.25 per cent, is highly unlikely to feel pressured into further action to jumpstart the economy even if the GDP data falls below market consensus. The bank in April projected an even sharper 7.3 per cent first-quarter decline and at the time saw no need to go

as far as adopting measures used by the U.S. Federal Reserve such as printing money to buy assets on the market. It is expected to uphold that view in an announcement on June 4.

Crucial in the report will be details on how much of the downturn was caused by softening consumer demand and how much by dwindling inventories, which could signal a possible rebound in production in coming months as businesses seek to replenish stock.

"We're now at the point where we're producing far fewer cars than we're likely to sell. So the inventory adjustment process in sectors like steel and autos is very much under way," Shenfeld said. **REUTERS**

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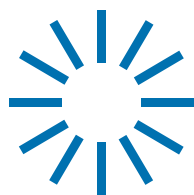
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Fatherly advice to avoid deficit



Kevin
Gaudet

News analysis

The next time a politician casually mentions borrowing a billion dollars — or \$50 billion for that matter — ask yourself this question: What would my family do?

The Harper government announced that its deficit for this year alone will exceed \$50 billion. As if this isn't bad enough, none of the opposition leaders seem to be concerned that this deficit figure is too much. When it comes to requests to spend, all of these politicians should heed the same advice they give their children: "Just say no."

The federal budget was tabled in January with a \$34-billion deficit. Yet Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has already announced the deficit will be more than \$50 billion. This is a 47 per cent increase in the projected deficit in only two months.

This change is a doozy — and one that will not only impact the taxpayers of today, but also those of tomorrow.

It is they who will have to pay off this huge and growing debt burden.

So, how much is \$50 billion? Well, it could buy roughly 211 NHL teams, or build 100 state-of-the-art sports stadiums, or buy 26 space shuttles. If divided up and given to each Canadian, it would be \$1,492 each.

While it is difficult to wrap your brain around such a large number, one can see how fast Canada's debt is climbing at DebtClock.ca, a website launched by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

The federal government is borrowing money at a rate of \$1,585 every second, \$95,129 every minute, \$5.7 million per hour, or just less than \$137 million every day of every week of every month for the whole of this year.

The government says it can afford this amount of debt. It argues Canada is better positioned than any other Western country to

borrow this much money. Technically, this may be true, but it misses the point. Just because the bank may give your family a higher mortgage doesn't mean you should take it. Driving up the federal debt amounts to fiscal child abuse, because every child will be born already owing roughly

\$14,000 in debt.

The only way to reverse the debt spiral is for politicians to do what every family does when it hits rough times — limit spending. They must learn to say no to things like: Calls for more hikes to employment insurance; requests for corporate welfare like auto bailouts; and lucrative bonuses for government officials, just to name a few.

Saying no may be tough, but it is important.

Kevin Gaudet is the federal director and Ontario director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

CPP execs net \$7M in bonuses

POLITICS Executive members of the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board pocket \$7 million in bonuses this year despite losing \$24 billion of Canadian's money in bad investments, according to the annual report released Thursday.

That set off a highly charged debate. "I don't know how they can look themselves in the mirror and (then accept) cheques of Canadians' money for millions of dollars for such a pathetic performance," NDP Leader Jack Layton.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A powerful 7.1 magnitude earthquake shook Honduras Thursday, killing at least five people, knocking down flimsy homes and causing damage in neighbouring Guatemala. The offshore quake damaged buildings across the north of Honduras and briefly triggered a tsunami alert for Central America's Caribbean coast. **REUTERS**

World



Berlusconi denies affair

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, facing demands to explain his relationship with a teenage girl, denied on Thursday he had had a "steamy affair" and said he would have to resign if caught lying about it. The 72-year-old conservative leader has denied any wrongdoing or lying in his apparently contradictory explanations of why he went to Noemi Letizia's 18th birthday and gave her an expensive necklace. **REUTERS**

Obama pushes two-state plan

U.S. President Barack Obama Thursday ratcheted up pressure on Israel to freeze settlements as he sought to reassure visiting Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of U.S. support for Palestinian statehood.

Hoping to revive stalled peace efforts, Obama held White House talks with Abbas 10 days after hosting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who remains at odds with Israel's superpower ally over Jewish settlements and Palestinian statehood.

Obama made clear that he would continue to push Netanyahu, who has dismayed Washington and the Palestinians with his

resistance to calls for a total freeze on settlement construction in the occupied West Bank.

"I'm a strong believer in a two-state solution," Obama told reporters with Abbas, a Western-backed moderate weakened by Hamas Islamist control of the Gaza Strip, seated at his side.

Obama stressed that Israel's obligation under a 2003 Middle East peace "road map" includes "stopping settlements and making sure that there is a viable Palestinian state." He said the Palestinians had to make more progress in improving their security forces and reducing anti-Israel "incitement." **REUTERS**

Militants' bombs, gun battle rock Pakistani city

ATTACKS Two bombs exploded in a market in the north-western Pakistani city of Peshawar on Thursday, killing six people, and gunmen on rooftops ambushed police as they arrived at the scene.

Militant violence in Pakistan, an important U.S. ally, has surged since mid-2007, with attacks on the security forces, as well as on government and Western targets, and the Taliban vowed more on Thursday.

A short while after the bombs went off in Peshawar, a suicide bomber attacked a paramilitary

post in another part of the city, killing three soldiers, a hospital official said. A wounded soldier said earlier five comrades had been killed.

The attacks came hours after the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for a suicide car-bomb and gun attack in the city of Lahore on Wednesday that killed 24 people, saying it was revenge for the Swat offensive.

There have been eight militant attacks since the army began battling militants in the Swat region in April. **REUTERS**



A man weeps at the site of a bomb attack in the Pakistani city of Peshawar Thursday.

News in brief

NORTH KOREA South Korea and the U.S. raised the military alert level for the peninsula on Thursday after the communist North warned the truce ending

the Korean War was dead and it was ready to attack. North Korea ramped up tensions this week with a series of provocations including war threats,

missiles and a nuclear test.

IRAN An explosion at a prominent Shi'ite Muslim mosque in the southeast Iranian city of

Zahedan on Thursday killed 30 people and wounded 60, the news agency ILNA reported. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. **REUTERS**

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Brazil's environment minister bemoans government's lack of support

Environment Minister Carlos Minc said his agenda lacked government support, exactly one year after his predecessor quit for the same reason. **REUTERS**

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Myanmar hits back

Officials rebuke critics of opposition leader's trial

Army-ruled Myanmar lashed out at foreign critics of Aung San Suu Kyi's trial on Thursday, accusing them of meddling in its affairs and denying the prosecution of the opposition leader was a political or human rights issue.

Deputy Foreign Minister Maung Myint rebuked his counterparts from South-east Asia and Europe at a meeting in Cambodia, saying the trial that could jail Suu Kyi, 63, for up to five years was an "internal legal" issue.

"It's not political. It's not a human rights issue, so we don't accept the pressure and interference from abroad," Maung Myint told ministers at the Phnom Penh meeting. It was the military regime's strongest



A view of the lakeside residence of Myanmar's detained democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi is seen in Yangon yesterday.

reaction yet to international outrage at the trial on charges that she violated her house arrest by hosting an uninvited American intruder in early May.

The Nobel laureate denies the charges, which critics say are aimed at keeping her in detention during an election next year.

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News in brief

BRUSSELS Trade unions from across Europe on Thursday agreed to push for an EU recovery plan to fight the economic crisis, which they said

presented both risks and opportunities for labour activists.

TBILISI Police and protesters

clashed in the Georgian capital on Thursday and three officers were stabbed, the latest clash in a weeks-long campaign against the president. **REUTERS**

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Case against government bailouts

InBusiness

Charles
Davies



Unsurprisingly, Canadian Auto Workers members earlier this week endorsed the cost-cutting labour agreement paying the way for \$6 billion in federal and provincial aid for General Motors of Canada Ltd. Had CAW president Ken Lewenza's troops failed to ratify

this one, their jobs would surely have gone the way of tail fins.

Yet, as GM and its U.S. parent sputter toward bankruptcy, you have to wonder about the rationale for fuelling the company's ride to oblivion with taxpayer dollars.

Sure, it's politically inevitable that Canadian governments would be pressed into involvement. Washington backs a bailout, so non-intervention might result in the relocation of GM Canada's eventual remains to the U.S., leaving 7,500 or so CAW members out of work and possibly taking out many thousands of oth-

er related jobs, mostly in voter-rich Ontario.

But at the risk of being bumped from Lewenza's Christmas card list, there are five good reasons why Ottawa and Ontario should keep their support to a bare minimum.

First, General Motors has proved that it's a loser with severe problems in creating marketable products. Letting it fail, and then restructure in bankruptcy protection, would permit the viable portions of the company to survive and prosper while shedding assets that have no real future.

Second, bailouts get gov-

Bailout Series

(Editor's note: This is the first part of a three-part series by Charles Davies on financial bailouts.)

ernments drawn into legacy issues — like long-term financing and underfunded pensions — that could become a financial morass. About \$2 billion of the money you and I lend the company will go to help reduce a pension deficit currently running at about \$7 billion. Under the lending agreement, the company will have another six years

to eliminate the remaining deficit. But what if it doesn't? Who will pick up the slack then?

Third, favouring autoworkers who have comparatively exceptional wage, benefit and pension packages is unfair to the millions of Canadians who work for much lower wages and benefits and have no protection from job losses.

Fourth, propping up failures while ignoring companies that slug it out (Ford) or succeed (Honda, Toyota) is fundamentally unfair. It's also unfair that other huge industries with problems (forest products for example) don't get the benefit of

such government largesse.

Fifth, money used in bailouts could be used more productively elsewhere, providing the infrastructure, regulatory and tax incentives to support companies and industries that actually have a future. Better than spending billions on GM with absolutely no guarantee that it will make the company one iota better at selling cars.

Tuesday: Governments' dangerous flirtation with interventionism.

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Chewing on the heart of the matter

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I never much cared for the Governor General position. I always thought it was a waste of money.

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Michaëlle Jean proved just how great a Governor General can be when she did perhaps the most awesome

and downright insane thing ever by a government official — she devoured a raw seal heart.

It was a great burn against sealing protesters. And it helped show how, in contrast, their whole campaign is just a big image war.

Last Friday, a small group of protesters laid on Barrington Street covered in fake blood and handed out PETA pamphlets about how seals are murdered in the most inhumane ways.

This raises the question: How small is PETA's imagination? I'd imagine that

lighting them on fire or stabbing them to death would be much worse.

Short of giving them an overdose of sleeping pills, a hakapik to the brain seems on par or better than the way we kill millions of other animals. But it does look worse, so it's become a cause célèbre.

What's annoying is it's so easy to protest the seal hunt. We can push all our scorn on a small culture we don't understand without having to make any concessions ourselves.

Meanwhile, the seal popu-

lation is flourishing, but tuna stocks are collapsing and sharks are going extinct. But seals are cuter than sharks so they need our help, right?

This doesn't make sense to Michaëlle Jean. She'd rather people put their energy into causes that actually make the world better. And she's willing to eat a raw seal heart to drive home the point.

Can we make her Governor General for life?

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Banks top forecasts

Provisions increased to cover bad loans

Four of Canada's largest banks reported stronger-than-expected results on Thursday, even as they set aside more money to cover bad loans, sending shares for three of the four higher.

Toronto-Dominion Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia and National Bank of Canada all notched results that were slightly higher than analysts had expected, and their shares climbed in early afternoon trade.

Core earnings at CIBC also beat estimates, but its results were marred by a raft of writedowns and observers worried the nation's fifth-largest bank had lost momentum in its key retail operations.

Overall, analysts said the banks continued to outshine global competitors.

The amount of money set aside to cover bad loans surged at all four banks, and the credit losses are expected to be a headwind for the rest of 2009 as consumers struggle to pay bills. TD, National and CIBC all reported long lists of one-time charges on credit and market losses in the second quarter, which ended April 30.

TD said profit fell in the quarter to \$656 million from \$232 million a year earlier. Bank of Nova Scotia said

of money profit fell 11 per cent to

\$872 million.

National said its profit jumped 46 per cent to earn \$261 million, excluding writedowns.

CIBC reported a net loss of \$51 million. **REUTERS**

GM bankruptcy a step closer after new bondholder deal

AUTO General Motors Corp. appeared to clear a major hurdle on its way to filing

that GM is close to filing for bankruptcy under the direction of the Obama administration. It would be the biggest-ever bankruptcy for a U.S. industrial company.

Under the proposed deal the bondholders, who represent \$27 billion US in debt, would get warrants to acquire an extra 15 per cent of the equity in the new company, provided they support a quick sale process backed by the U.S. Treasury.

the kind of bankruptcy it favours Thursday by persuading major bondholders to accept a sweetened deal.

The announcement was the clearest indication yet



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Australian company buying Canada's Tristone

Australia's Macquarie Group Ltd. is buying Tristone Capital Global Inc., the Canadian energy investment bank, for \$116 million. **REUTERS**

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Bonuses predicted to rise

Many Wall Street investment banking employees should see bonuses rebound in 2009 as earnings improve, a top pay consultant said, even as the government uses billions of dollars of taxpayer money to prop up the still-troubled industry.

The consultant, Johnson Associates Inc., said bonuses may rise 20 to 30 per cent in equities and fixed-income businesses as results improve in such areas as commodities, currencies, derivatives and interest-rate products.

Bonuses may also rise 20 to 25 per cent for general staff, while executives not among the five highest-

In 2008

- Top executives at many banks including Bank of America Corp., JPMorgan Chase & Co., Citigroup Inc., Wells Fargo & Co., Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley took no bonuses for 2008.

paid officials at their banks may also enjoy "significant" increases, according to the report, released on Thursday.

Other employees may fare less well, as unsettled equity markets and reduced merger activity cut into underwriting and advising fees, while market depreciation and client as-

set outflows cut into revenue in fee-dependent businesses.

Bankers involved in underwriting and merger advising may see bonuses fall 15 to 20 per cent, the report said. Bonuses may drop 25 to 35 per cent in asset management, 25 to 30 per cent in "prime brokerage," 25 per cent in wealth management, and 20 to 30 per cent in hedge funds and private equity.

Workers in commercial and retail banking units may see bonuses rise or fall by five per cent or less.

Some banks are boosting salaries to offset uncertainty over bonuses, Johnson Associates said.

REUTERS

Talks to protect Opel from GM bankruptcy fail

AUTO As the battle for German carmaker Opel effectively narrowed to a race between Fiat and Magna, overnight talks to shield Opel from General Motors' looming bankruptcy ended with no deal.

German ministers, emerging in the early hours of Thursday morn-

ing after more than 12 hours of talks, said they had been unable to reach a deal to provide Opel with temporary financing if GM files for bankruptcy, and put the blame for the failure squarely on GM and the U.S. Treasury.

"We have made demands on the U.S. Treasury

and expect answers by Friday, and we will need these answers in order to agree a plan," Economy Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg said.

"We don't have the security yet that we need to commit to bridge financing today."

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Sports

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Pens ready for rematch with Wings

STANLEY CUP PREVIEW

Pittsburgh vs. Detroit



The Pittsburgh Penguins, in the post-grad portion of their Stanley Cup education, say that this time they'll be physically and mentally ready for the Detroit Red Wings when their championship rematch begins Saturday.

As for the readiness of the battered Wings, that will be determined in the trainer's room in the hours leading up to the first puck drop.

Detroit general manager Ken Holland provided a body count Thursday.

He said he expects six-time Norris Trophy winner Nicklas Lidstrom to be in the lineup after he missed the last two games with a lower body injury, but after that, things get iffy.

Pavel Datsyuk, who may have a broken foot, also skated Thursday which was a good sign after he missed the last three games. Jonathan Ericsson did not take to the ice after an emergency appendectomy Wednesday.

Speedy checking forward

Kris Draper, who has a groin strain, is not likely to be in the lineup for Game 1, but might return sometime in the series. Andreas Lilja, who has a concussion, and Tomas Kopecky, who has a broken orbital bone, could be out for the duration.

"We've got a short break, but hopefully we can manage to get some guys healthy, get guys back," said Wings' goaltender Chris Osgood. "Last year was spread out quite a bit between games. We'll have to deal with it. We've dealt with a lot of things in the playoffs, like you always do. We'll be ready."

The remarkably healthy and younger Penguins sound like they've been ready for this rematch since they watched Lidstrom hoist the Cup after Game 6 at Pittsburgh last spring.

The Penguins didn't score a goal in the first two games of last year's final, losing 4-0 and 3-0.

"We were watching too much," captain Sidney Crosby recounted yesterday. "It took us a couple of games last year to get our feet under us. By that time we were down 2-0. It was too late. We'll be ready from the start this time."

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Hossa hopes gambit pays off

NHL Detroit's Marian Hossa will soon find out if the hockey gods will reward his gamble. Following last season, Hossa left the Pittsburgh Penguins as a free agent and joined the Red Wings shortly after Detroit had defeated Pittsburgh in the Stanley Cup final.

Talking about his decision to go to Detroit, Hossa said he wanted to play for the team he thought was

Stanley Cup 2009 Playoffs

the best bet to bring home the big prize.

"It was a really tough decision for me to make," he said at the time. "When I compared the two teams, I felt like I would have a little better of a chance to win the Cup in Detroit."

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CBC benches Cole

For the first time since 1983, Bob Cole, left, will not be calling the final series. Though the move has been anticipated since the season began, the CBC made it official Thursday when it announced that Jim Hughson and Craig Simpson will handle the Detroit-Pittsburgh series starting Saturday night. At 76, Cole has called hockey on CBC television since 1972.

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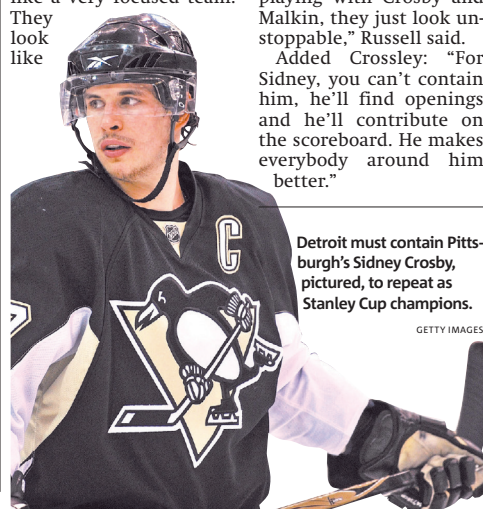
Brad Crossley, Crosby's former coach from his days with the Dartmouth Subways, said Crosby is showing his maturity and playing like a "more complete player."

"Sidney's not only playing better, he's showing his experience and he's carrying himself with composure and playing like a senior player should," Crossley said.

Both Russell and Crossley think Crosby's up against some tough competition, but they don't think it's anything he can't handle.

"The way Pittsburgh's playing with Crosby and Malkin, they just look unstoppable," Russell said.

Added Crossley: "For Sidney, you can't contain him, he'll find openings and he'll contribute on the scoreboard. He makes everybody around him better."



Detroit must contain Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby, pictured, to repeat as Stanley Cup champions.

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Orlando's Dwight Howard reacts to a call in Thursday night's game against the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference final. For a complete recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

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Mooseheads release blue-liner

The Halifax Mooseheads released defenceman George Dunn from their protected list this week. Dunn, 18, had one assist in 10 games with the Herd last season after being acquired from Ontario via free agency after the holiday break. **METRO HALIFAX**



Andrew Gordon and his Hershey Bears teammates have reached the Calder Cup final.

Close-knit Bears reach AHL final

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Andrew Gordon doesn't have just one close friend on the Hershey Bears. The way he sees it, he has more than 20.

Gordon, a Porters Lake native, and longtime buddy Andrew Joudrey of Bedford, are key members of a close-knit Bears team that has advanced to the American Hockey League's Calder Cup Final against the Manitoba Moose.

"Every day you go to the rink, you're fighting to spend another week with your closest friends," says Gordon. "That's the attitude this team has. We have a great group of guys. We want to go as long as possible so we can all stay together."

It's been a magical run for the Bears, who open the Calder Cup Final on Saturday in Winnipeg. They swept the Philadelphia Phantoms in four, edged the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins in seven, and dumped the Providence Bruins in five.

Gordon calls himself a "two-way scoring/checking

winger" and has five goals and two assists in 16 games. Joudrey, penalty-killing forward, has a goal and three assists. Although the Washington Capitals draft picks are only second-year pros, they're making the most of this playoff run — especially after talking with their senior-most teammate, Bryan Helmer.

The 37-year-old Helmer, a multi-time all-star, has only been to the Calder Cup Final twice in 16 seasons.

"I'm realizing in a career, you only have one or two chances to be part of something special like this," says Gordon, a linemate of Sidney Crosby's in 2001-02 with the Dartmouth Subways.

"If we can win this championship, I'll remember it forever."

The 23-year-old made his NHL debut with the Washington Capitals in December, a fine accomplishment for a late pick. He's hoping to stay longer the next time up, and hoisting the Calder Cup would be a big step in that direction.

"This is the reason we all play the game," says Gordon simply. "We want to win championships."

Fighting OK at training camp, says Herd coach

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It's sounding like there will be a little more bite at the Halifax Mooseheads' training camp in August.

"We're going back to five-on-five hockey with whatever goes," said Mooseheads head coach and general manager Cam Russell. "You want to drop the gloves and fight? Go ahead. If players are tough guys, fighters, we'll allow them to do what they do in camp so we can assess their ability, too."

An unofficial count re-

veals there has only been one punch-up at training camp in the past five years. Prior to that, one fight would have made for a quiet 20-minute period.

Former GM Marcel Pate-naude chopped intra-squad games from the schedule completely in 2004 and 2005, saying at the time he didn't believe in them. They were brought back in 2006 in three-on-three format, and there have been friendly four-on-four and five-on-five scrimmages the past three seasons.

Daily practices have been a staple at training camp, but Russell plans to wipe



Would-be-Mooseheads Mitchell Hardy, left, and Guillaume TAILON fight at a preseason scrimmage in 2000.

them off the slate completely. He wants a competitive, hard-working team, and plans to properly evaluate those traits before making any cuts.

"It's going to be just scrimmages so we have a better chance to identify our players," said Russell, who recorded 872 penalty minutes in 396 career NHL games in the 1990s. "Lots of

guys can look good in a practice, but you put them in a game situation and you see what they're all about."

The Mooseheads were third in the QMJHL last season with 44 fighting majors, according to hockey fights.com. But new, strict rules brought in last summer have made scraps rare, down to 618 last season from 1,133 in 2007-08.

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Sports in brief

HOCKEY Halifax Mooseheads forward Gabriel Desjardins has earned a tryout with Canada's under-18 team. The five-foot-11, 191-pound spark-plug forward had 13 goals and 12 assists for 25 points in 60 games as a rookie last season, despite starting the season as a 15-year-old. He was named the Mooseheads' rookie of the year. Desjardins was

among 40 players invited to try out from Aug. 1 to 4 in Calgary. Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy, a P.E.I. Rocket forward who finished as a runner-up for QMJHL rookie of the year, was a notable omission. Nova Scotia was the only province without an invitee. Desjardins was one of 11 invited from the QMJHL.

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Mooseheads New uniforms for next season



Halifax Mooseheads forward Gabriel Desjardins models the team's new RBK Edge jersey. The jerseys are similar to the traditional red, white and green uniforms the Mooseheads have worn since their inaugural season in 1994. The Mooseheads have discontinued their Halifax-scripted black and white third jerseys for 2009-10, but they will be brought back in 2010-11.

Sports in brief

QMJHL The QMJHL announced its schedule for the 2009-10 season yesterday, and the Halifax Mooseheads open on the road on Sept. 11 against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

The Mooseheads are again in the Atlantic Division with the Screaming Eagles, P.E.I. Rocket, Saint John Sea Dogs and Bathurst Titan and play a 68-game schedule with an identi-

cal playoff format to last season. Their home debut is set for Friday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. against the Bathurst Titan at the Metro Centre. The Mooseheads play eight games

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Baker says that people ought to have two "primary" pairs of glasses. "A lot of people think of prescription sunglasses as a second pair. Really, they are your primary outdoor pair of glasses. They should be what you reach for when you go outside."

He notes that some

consumers settle for a cheap pair of sunglasses or clip-ons, but the Doctors Eye Clinic has a better option. "Clip-ons work in a pinch, but if you've had a pair, you'll know they don't really function properly. They get scratched easily, they end up stretching or falling off and they don't cut down the infiltration of light on the top, bottom and sides as much as a proper pair of sunglasses designed with the outdoors in mind."

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Doctors Eye Clinic is holding a grand re-opening of its newly renovated clinic on June 4, bringing its trademark high-quality eye care to Spring Garden Road. They invite all of their patients and neighbours to join them on the 4th between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. to meet their doctors and staff. There will be free draws, coffee, and cake for all visitors.

During their Grand Re-Opening Week (June 4-13), they will be celebrating with in-clinic specials, draws to win your purchase plus, on Tuesday, June 9, from

3 p.m. to 6 p.m., there will be a Trunk Sale of designer sunglasses featuring Bolle and Serengeti.

"I'm excited by the positive feedback we are receiving from the businesses around us and can't wait to see the reaction of the general public," says general manager Vincent Baker of the 5990 Spring Garden Road location.

The clinic is the company's fourth, joining locations in Sackville, Spryfield and Scotia Square. The clinics boast eight Doctors of Optometry and 40 employees in the

four HRM clinics.

After 24 years in business, Doctors Eye Clinic has a sharp new look to go with the stylish glasses. Extensive interior and exterior renovations have transformed the former MacKinnon's optical clinic into a bright, welcoming space.

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Situated near the corner of Spring Garden and Robie Street, there are trendy frames for the university students as well as high-end frames for professionals looking for the perfect pair of glasses.

Baker says the new look for Doctors Eye

Clinic, with its bright orange signage and stylized eye, shows what is important to the business. "It captures in a snapshot that the business is totally focused on the eye: It's all about eye health and fashion."

Doctors Eye Clinic has expanded its hours and the Spring Garden Road clinic will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on alternate Saturdays. Call 454-2020 or visit DoctorsEyeClinic.com for more information.



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- Have your eyes checked at least once a year to determine whether you need to wear corrective lens, or to ensure your eyeglass prescription is up-to-date.
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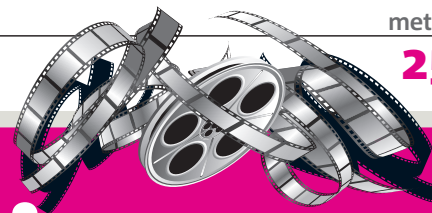
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Crazy Cooper

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If the name Bradley Cooper doesn't mean much to you now, it soon will. The 34-year old Philadelphia-born actor has the highly anticipated comedy *The Hangover* hitting theatres next Friday — and it looks like that's only the beginning.

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If the name Bradley Cooper doesn't mean much to you now, it soon will.

Not only does the 34-year-old Philadelphia-born actor have a highly-anticipated comedy hitting theatres next Friday, but judging by the full slate of upcoming projects linked to him on the Web (including an adaptation of retro-TV hit, *The A-Team*), he shouldn't have time to even chat with me.

"It'd be great if it were true," admits Cooper while stopping in Toronto this past week to promote *The Hangover*. "If I had the career that the Internet said I had, I'd be set."

Mind you, Cooper has no complaints. Having steadily made a name for himself ever since moving to Hollywood to work on TV's *Alias*, he has risen from sidekick in films like *Yes Man* and *Wedding*



Bradley Cooper, centre, goes in search of a missing groom in *The Hangover*, in theatres next Friday.

Crashers to become Hollywood's most promising leading man. According to him, it's a good thing it took so long.

"If (*The Hangover*) were

Movie feature

to be a big hit and change things, it's something I am fearful of and that's a good

thing," says the seasoned actor about maintaining perspective. "If I was 24 and my life changed, not only would I be terrified but I'd be terrified for whoever

was in my life."

Cooper won't need to speculate much longer. With advance praise being heaped upon it, *The Hangover* should prove to be the

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ultimate launching pad for Cooper's career. Playing the mastermind behind a Las Vegas stag party that goes horribly wrong, he sets out to solve the case of the missing groom.

As such, the memory-lapsed lads soon find they're missing teeth, there's a tiger in the hotel bathroom and that they may have just experienced the wildest stag ever. Having fictionally lived through it, there was just one question left — what advice would Mr. Cooper have for bachelors set on Sin City for their stag?

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Have fun in Hell

Drag Me to Hell

Director: Sam Raimi

Stars: Alison Lohman, Justin Long, Lorna Raver

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



After years of applying his signature directorial stamp to various genres and garnering blockbuster success for his Spider-Man movies, Sam Raimi has finally returned to his horror roots with Drag Me to Hell.

Dusting off a script he'd written with brother Ivan shortly after completing the now-iconic Evil Dead trilogy, Raimi dives back into the genre at full force, toying with his audience with the ease and skill of a master.

Drag Me To Hell is easily one of the most entertain-

ing horror movies to hit screens in years, offering a 100-minute barrage of acrobatic camerawork, smash cuts, angry demons, talking goats and the spilling of a variety of bodily fluids.

Alison Lohman stars as a bank teller who turns down an old woman's loan to score brownie points with her boss in an attempt to win a promotion. Unfortunately, that old woman just happens to be a gypsy who places a curse on Lohman that will see her pursued by a demon for days before being dragged kicking and screaming into hell.

In terms of plot, that's pretty well it.

The film is an exercise in economic storytelling that keeps plot and character development to minimum, dedicating almost all of the screen time to suspense and scares.

There's barely any time

to catch your breath between the demonic prologue and the crowd-pleasing finale.

Drag Me to Hell is a film that exists entirely on the surface and a few of the major plot turns crumble with any serious thought. But in a movie like this, that's not necessarily a bad thing.

Raimi creates a funhouse atmosphere that earns laughs with practically every scare.

He may set out to make audiences jump out of their seats, but it's never to punish the audience or make them uncomfortable.

It's all in good fun and Raimi winks at his audience so many times that you can practically hear him giggling with sadistic glee from behind the camera.

You should join him.

• For a Drag Me to Hell trailer and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.



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Respect, or die

Curse film returns with Raimi

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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"(Curse films) boil down to one universal theme: Lack of respect has consequences. Think of that the next time a 106-year-old witch asks for a favour."

In Drag Me to Hell director Sam (Spider-Man) Raimi returns to his horror roots, reviving a dormant fright genre — the curse film.

There was a time on the big screen when old crones and evil wizards terrorized movie goers with spells, and I don't mean the cute and cuddly curse of Shrek, I mean heavy hexes like the Maloika and Voodoo juju.

In 1996 a film based on a novel from Stephen King's alter ego Richard Bachman called *Thinner* offered a

supernatural alternative to *Weight Watchers*. The story centred on Billy Halleck (Robert John Burke), a sleazebag lawyer charged with vehicular manslaughter after running down an old woman.

The obese legal wiz beats the charge in court, but a far worse verdict awaits him outside the courtroom. Minutes after he is set free a 106-year-old gypsy named Tadzu Lemke (Michael Constantine) touches him, whispering the word "thinner" in his ear.

From then on, Halleck sheds pounds faster than you can say "Jenny Craig." Using all his lawyerly skills of persuasion he convinces

Lemke to lift the curse, but the resolution has tragic consequences for those around him.

A different kind of curse was unleashed in the 2003 Japanese J-Horror film *Juon: The Grudge*. The movie is only occasionally scary, but the idea of a curse, born of great violence, that continues to grow like a virus and visit terror on everyone who comes into contact with it, is undeniably creepy.

Probably the only curse film to be deemed "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" by the United States National Film Registry is Walt Disney's animated *Beauty and*



In the 2003 Japanese J-Horror film *Juon: The Grudge* a curse is born out of great violence.

the Beast. The story begins with an old beggar woman asking a handsome but spoiled prince for shelter against the bitter cold.

Repulsed by her appearance he refuses her request and payment of a rose. She warns the prince not to judge people by their appearances but he is unmoved. Unmoved, that

is until she lays the kavor-ka on him, turning him into a hideous beast.

The curse, she says, can only be lifted if "he could learn to love another, and earn her love in return" by the time his twenty-first birthday came around and the last petal of woman's enchanted rose fell to the ground.

Despite their differences in topic and setting these movies all boil down to one universal theme: Lack of respect has consequences. Think of that the next time a 106 year-old witch asks for a favour.

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Up towering achievement

Up

Director: Peter Docter, Bob Peterson

Stars: Ed Asner

Classification: PG

Rating: ★★★★★

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Up's justly celebrated prologue chronicles the transformation of one Carl Fredrickson (voiced by Ed Asner) from wide-eyed child to stooped widower, and rarely has exposition seemed so elegant.

Directors Bob Peterson and Pete Docter manage to collapse an entire life into 15 minutes, rendering joy and despair in a series of precise, suggestive tableaux.

Heartbroken at the death of his wife and hoping to honour her adventurous spirit (and also to stick it to the real estate developers trying to buy up his property), Carl affixes a massive bunch of multicolored balloons to his ramshackle house and boldly soars into the stratosphere.

The sequence in which he takes flight is a stunner, and the floating house is an obvious allusion to *The Wizard of Oz*.



Ed Asner voices widower-on-an-adventure Carl Fredrickson in *Up*.

But the images get even stronger after our hero touches down in South America.

When Carl drags his hovering home behind him like an oversized kite, it's a metaphor for the burden of memory that's no less potent for being rather obvious.

Gradually, the tone tilts towards comedy, as the appearance of a mythical jungle bird gives Carl and his cheerful cub-scout stowaway a hilarious anthropomorphic foil.

But the best-in-show prize goes to the bird's pursuers, a group of dogs who, for reasons not worth spoiling here, have been outfitted with collars that give electronic voice to their thoughts — or more accurately their lack thereof.

It's an insanely inspired conceit, and it elevates *Up* above the CGI pretenders into the rarified realm of Pixar's best work.

• For an *Up* trailer and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

Screen Times

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Music

Mandy Moore grows up

Former pop star evolving into mature songwriter

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

If you haven't figured it out yet, Mandy Moore isn't the 15-year-old Britney-wannabe she once was. Now, at 25, she's a wife, an accomplished actor and a folk singer — and she wants you to know that her pop past is behind her.

"I don't look back on those years too fondly," she says over the phone. "It was a bit embarrassing what I was doing then. It wasn't the quality pop others were creating in the late '90s."

She's right. The former pop starlet, who rose to fame in 1999 with the mid-dling, sugar coated track Candy, was trying to compete with Spears and Christina Aguilera, but her music mostly fell flat.

Part of the reason for

"It's funny to me that people would assume that it's some crazy idea to want to be someone different. It's just a natural evolution. People are allowed to grow up and evolve."

Mandy Moore

that, she says, was that she didn't have control over her work, so it wasn't only up to her which songwriters she chose to work with.

"It's not like I was a puppet when I was kid, and I enjoyed most of what I was doing, but I would have chosen to work with different people or make a different kind of music," she reveals.

The road from teen idol to do-it-yourself songwriter has been a long and challenging one, though some people still think Moore has shifted gears over night. That thinking frustrates her.

"I fought really hard to

get here and I understand that I'm not going to be everyone's cup of tea," she says. "The only thing I take offense with is the idea that all of a sudden I wanted to be different. No, I'm 25 years old. I've been working a while to get where I am. It's funny to me that people would assume that it's some crazy idea to want to be someone different. It's just a natural evolution. People are allowed to grow up and evolve."

Moore's first significant step away from the pop star shackles came when she recorded Coverage, a record of covers that included her takes on Cat

Steven's Moonshadow and Carly Simon's Anticipation. She admits that she just recorded songs she liked, despite knowing the record label would disapprove.

Soon after that album was released she left her label and began writing the material that, she hopes, defines her today. The new disc, Amanda Leigh (her first and middle names), picks up where her last disc, Wild Hope, left off. It's full of passionate acoustic tunes about love, a few louder rockers — though nothing remotely close to her old material — and even a strong, finger-picking folk tune (Bug).

It's not earth shattering stuff, but it's clear that Moore is turning into a bonafide songwriter.

It helps that her new hubby is acclaimed musician Ryan Adams — they married in March — who



Mandy Moore's new album, Amanda Leigh, is out on June 2.

likely could teach her a thing or two about writing infectious and well-respected albums, but for now their two careers are staying separate.

"When you're with someone who's in (the) same line of work as you, you can't help but be

slightly influenced and inspired by them," she says. "But Ryan has his own thing going on as I do. I think he's the best at what he does, and I appreciate the support he has in my life, but we're going to keep our two careers and choices quite separate."



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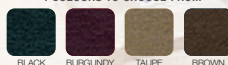
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1. 21st Century Breakdown, Green Day; 2. Abnormally Attracted To Sin, Tori Amos; 3. Relapse, Eminem; 4. Live In London, Leonard Cohen; 5. Quiet Nights, Diana Krall. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Music

Napster changed face of music

File sharing service was launched 10 years ago next week

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Ten years ago this Monday — June 1, 1999

the music industry as we knew it ceased to exist. It was brought down by a 19-year-old C-level college kid.

Shawn Fanning was good at two things: Baseball (he once hit .650 for his high school team) and

writing code. With his Uncle John's \$7,000 laptop, Shawn worked a program that could find MP3 files on the Internet, eliminating the need for Alta Vista and Hotbot. (No one had heard of Google yet.) Shawn worked on the code through the winter of 1998-99.

"Napster ... was the beginning of the end of the business model the record industry had followed since Edison and Berliner started selling recorded music more than a hundred years earlier."

By the beginning of June, the bugs were out and Shawn gave the program to 30 online friends with instructions not to share it with anyone else. Within days, though, 15,000 people were using it. The program would spread to

reach more than 26 million users in less than 18 months before the whole thing came crashing down in a series of lawsuits. Nap-

ster — named after Shawn's short, nappy Marine-cut hair — was the beginning of the end of the business model the record industry had followed since Edison and Berliner started selling recorded music more than a hundred years earlier. Things haven't been the same since.

What's fascinating,

though, is that even in the midst of all the very public legal battles involving Metallica and the RIAA, several of the major labels came very, very close to buying a big stake in Napster. On July 15,

ing Napster wanted a 50-50 split of any future equity in the company. The record company executives wouldn't settle for anything less than a 90-10 split in their favour. Naturally, the party broke up, the lawsuits went ahead and Napster was squashed. (The name was later resurrected in the form of a legal down-

load store.)

Remember that this was six months before iTunes debuted and more than a year before the first iPod came out. Makes you wonder where we might be now had things worked out, doesn't it?

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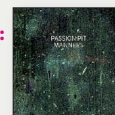
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Metro recommends

• **Relapse, Eminem:** Slim Shady is back, showcasing his dexterous flow with graphic rhymes amid Dr. Dre's menacing beats.



• **Manners, Passion Pit:** Energetic electro-pop, blasting out a euphoric mix of '80s synths, dance beats and giddy vocals.



• **Claol, Tiga:** DJ delivers club-ready electro-house tracks ranging from cheeky synth-filled party jams to modern disco anthems.



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In brief

DEALS Rapper Jay-Z is close to signing a deal that will bring his future recordings to Sony, sources told Billboard. REUTERS

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Toronto-based indie label Last Gang Records, which includes acts such as Metric (Emily Haines, left), MSTRKRFT, Crystal Castles and The New Pornographers, has passed the one million mark in album sales. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Music

Grizzly Bear hunts for fresh sounds

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



Grizzly Bear is a busy band — they're at the beginning of a two month tour, and they just released their new disc Veckatimest — but singer Ed Droste still finds time to Twitter.

Not only does the Brooklyn-based songwriter use

the social networking site to chat with fans, he tweets at least four or five times a day.

"Someone signed me on over a year ago," he says, almost apologetic that he's such an avid Twitter user.

Droste uses Twitter to connect with fans, which is a good thing as Droste offers regular updates on live shows and informa-

tion about the band's new record. On the band's first disc, Yellow House, Droste and his co-songwriter Daniel Rossen brought already finished tracks to the rest of the band. This time around they started from scratch.

"We came into this with a blank slate," says Droste. "We'd take weekend trips out of town to see what we

could come up with. We didn't want to rush ourselves — everything was natural and organic."

The result is another indie folk disc filled with copious amounts of Beach Boys-like harmonies. While it's similar to Yellow House, its stronger focus and even more layered vocals prove that their new songwriting strategy has

worked wonders.

Droste thinks the more inclusive writing approach has helped too. "The instrumentation and vocals are clearer; the drums are louder; there's a stronger sense of confidence," he says. "Everyone is a lot more at ease with their abilities and, also, since the last album, everyone's grown up."



Veckatimest is the latest album from Grizzly Bear.

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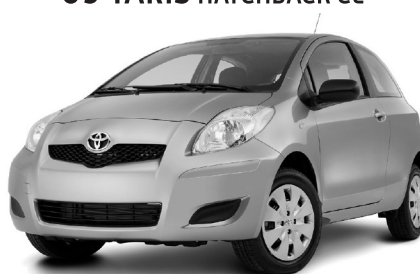
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MTV announces more presenters

MTV, in the home stretch of planning for Sunday's 2009 Movie Awards, has announced another group of presenters for the show, including Chris Pine, Kiefer Sutherland and the Sacha Baron Cohen character Bruno. **PEOPLE.COM**

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The multi-tasking chef

Jamie Oliver serves up a full menu with three new TV specials

Jamie Oliver was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth — but with a wooden spoon in his hand.

The TV chef's parents owned a pub in Essex north east of London, and Oliver helped his parents in the kitchen of The Cricketers from a very early age.

"My mum and dad would never give me a thing, they would make me earn it," says Oliver. "I worked a lot, and I enjoyed it."

Oliver will be serving up a full menu of television programs on the Food Network in the months ahead. The network is premiering his new four-part special, Jamie's Ministry of Food, starting next Thursday, along with two one-hour specials, Eat To Save Your Life and Jamie's Fowl Diners later this summer.

It seems to be "classic Oliver" to have more than one thing on the go. Those

who say that men cannot multi-task have not met the chef.

He has had a few years to practise, though. Since he was "discovered" at 21 when the BBC did a program on Italian food, which was filmed in the restaurant where Oliver was a sous chef, the now 33-year-old chef has lived life in the fast lane.

He has had more than 10 TV programs, published more than 10

cookbooks, turned semi-criminal youngsters into star chefs at his 15 restaurants and made the British government invest millions of pounds in the improvement of the unhealthy food served in the country's schools.

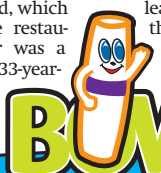
He has also cooked for

U.S. President Barack Obama, amongst others, and had three daughters — the newest one earlier this year.

"Sometimes I pinch myself and think, 'F— me, I just cooked for 20 world leaders' or 'I just had the third kid — is that me?' But I've always felt ready,"

though there is — in his own words — a piece of paper telling him what he will be doing every single day, every hour for the next 18 months.

"I could retire, but why would I? I feel young and I still have a lot of dreams," he says. "I don't think me sitting down will help me



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he says. "At 21, when I did The Naked Chef, I never said I was the best chef in the world, but there were some things that I was bloody good at and I felt completely confident sharing that."

Oliver has no plans whatsoever to slow down even



Chef Jamie Oliver is premiering his new four-part special, Jamie's Ministry of Food, starting next Thursday.

fulfill them. Being commercial but having a heart is the Holy Grail. I think our generation and those who

are younger like to feel like we're part of something that makes a difference, adds value, makes the world a better place."

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If you watch

• Jamie's Ministry of Food: After campaigning for better food in British schools, Oliver tackles the growing obesity crisis. Using the post-Second World War British "Ministry of

Food" as his inspiration, he aims to get household's cooking fresh food every day. The four-part series begins airing June 4, at 9 p.m. ET on the Food Network

• Oliver's documentary Eat To Save Your Life airs July 9, while Jamie's Fowl Dinners airs on July 5.

METRO WORLD NEWS

The Mentalist tops TV poll

TV SERIES Television crime drama The Mentalist was not only the best new show of 2009, it also boasted the sexiest cast, according to a viewers poll released Thursday at the close of the 2008-09 U.S. TV season.

The Mentalist, CBS's program starring Australian actor Simon Baker as a police consultant with acute observational powers, took 58 per cent of ballots cast for top new program.

The cast of The Mentalist, which includes Robin Tunney, also was over-

whelmingly deemed the sexiest cast, beating teen high society favorites Gossip Girl and 90210. A winning 56 per cent decided that Baker, 39, had the best comeback from his appearance in the short-lived drama Smith in 2006.

Actress Anna Torv of sci-fi series Fringe was voted best newcomer to TV, taking 32 per cent of votes, and the best guest star spot went to George Clooney for his return as Dr. Doug Ross to the final season of long-running medical drama ER.

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Kate Gosselin is publishing a new cookbook. Her third book, *Love Is in the Mix: Making Meals into Memories*, is due to hit stores Oct. 13, 2009, according to Amazon.com. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Television



ABC's top-rated soap *Desperate Housewives* competes with CBS's *Three Rivers* for viewers this fall.

Fall TV time-slot battles

With broadcasters' fall plans now set, here are some of the more dramatic time-period battles shaping up for next fall.

Sundays at 9 p.m.: Desperate Housewives vs. Three Rivers — What could possibly lure female viewers away from ABC's top-rated soap? CBS has an idea: Ex-Moonlight star Alex O'Loughlin.

Prediction: ABC will win here, but CBS could make a

bigger *Housewives* dent with *Rivers* than with *Cold Case* this season.

Tuesdays at 9 p.m.: So You Think You Can Dance vs. Dancing With The Stars — ABC and Fox will go toe to toe on Tuesdays for dance supremacy. This pits the second hour of Fox's dancing performance show against ABC's dancing results show (with NBC's reality hit *The Biggest Loser* putting pressure on both).

Prediction: Performance shows are higher rated than results shows. But in total viewers, this will be no contest, with *Dancing* maneuvering Fox's fall newbie. In the key adults 18-49 demo, things could be closer, since *Dancing* has been showing a lot of drop off for its results shows this season.

Wednesdays at 8 p.m.: Hank and The Middle vs. Old Christine and Gary Unmarried — It's not often you have comedies vs. comedies on broadcast anymore. Here, the sophomore run of CBS' modestly performing Wednesday comedy block will face the first half of ABC's ambitious new two-hour block, with 1990s sitcom stars Kelsey Grammar (*Hank*) and Julia

Louis-Dreyfus (*Christine*) going head-to-head.

Prediction: ABC has a shot here, but its sitcoms need to average higher ratings than the ones they launched in midseason.

Weeknights at 10 p.m.: The Jay Leno Show vs. ABC and CBS Dramas: Leno vs. Everybody! — The overall outcome is agreed upon: The talk-show veteran's new 10 p.m. chatfest will come in last place. But everybody wants to know: By how much?

Prediction: The first week should do pretty well due to curiosity. After that, the ratings are anybody's guess, with another mystery being how the rest of late night performs after Leno's leapfrog.

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FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News	ABC News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap	Un-Broke: About Money	20/20		
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Supernanny	CBC News: The National (N)	Spectacle		
11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: The fifth estate	CBC News: The National (N)	The Hour		
32	32	32	CBS	News	Evening News	The Insider	Entertainment	Walk the Line *** (2005, Biography)	Joan Phoenix			
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	NUMB3RS	Howie Do It	NCIS (N)		News		
9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Spectacle: Elivs	Law & Order: SVU	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.		News		
36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Don't Forget the Lyrics!	Mental "Pilot"		Fox First		
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Howie Do It	Dateline NBC			
55	55	55	SCOR	(6) HSR	Poker Challenge	World Poker Tour	WWE SmackDown!			Score Tonight		
53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	That's Hockey	World Poker Tour	NBA Basketball: West Final				
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami		
70	70	70	APTN	News (N)	Blessings	Fish Out	Rabbit Fall	Cashing In	Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood			
37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal	Roadsworth: Crossing Line	Air Force	Bravo! Fact	Books-Film	Liar Liar *** (1997, Comedy)			
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Corner Gas	Good Morning	Corner Gas	22 Minutes	The Simpsons	South Park	MADtv	
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Daily Planet (N)	Campbell Brown: No Bias	Doing Da Vinci (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Cooper 360		
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	House	Property	House	Ext Living	Location, Loc.	House	
48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	NCIS "In the Zone"	One Tree Hill	Jurassic Fight Club	Legends	Legends	Ice Road Truck		
46	46	46	HIST	Legends	Legends	House	Property	House	Ext Living	Location, Loc.	House	
17	17	17	MM	disBand "Stereos"	Malcolm X (7:45) Wolf **	One Tree Hill	Jurassic Fight Club	Legends	Legends	Ice Road Truck		
206	206	206	PIX	Wife Swap	The Outer Limits	The Best Years (DVS)	Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams			
39	39	39	SHOW	The Mom Show	Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part		
40	40	40	SLICE	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Wedded		
21	21	21	TLC	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Most Haunted (N)	Moulin Rouge *** (2001, Musical)	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz
22	22	22	W	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Most Haunted (N)	Moulin Rouge *** (2001, Musical)	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz
27	27	27	YTV	iCarly	A Cinderella Story ** (2004, Romance-Comedy)							

SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News	ABC News	Legend of the Seeker	Wipeout (HDTV)	Here Come the Newlyweds	Daisies			
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Touching Wild Horses ** (2003, Drama)			Comedy Now	Comedy Now	Watch Movie		
11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Marketplace	HNIC -- Hockey Tonight	NHL Hockey: West Final -- Red Wings at Blackhawks					
32	32	32	CBS	News	CBS News	Paid Program	NUMB3RS (HDTV)	Harper's Island (N)		48 Hr. Mystery		
6	6	6	CHIF	Global Currents-Homefront	NCIS	Doc	Doc			News		
9	9	9	CJCH	IWK Telethon for Children Annual	Children's Miracle Network fund-raiser. (Live)							
36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted	Fox First		
12	12	12	NBC	News	Access Hollywood (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Law & Order		
55	55	55	SCOR	MMA Show	Footy Show	Rugby Canada vs. Wales.						
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre	World Poker Tour	NBA Basketball: East Final -- Cavaliers at Magic						
16	16	16	A&E	(6:30) Die Hard With a Vengeance	(1995, Action)	True Lies *** (1994, Action)	Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Arnold.					
70	70	70	APTN	Cooking	MYTV	Arbor Live	The Mix (N)	Living, Dream	The Avengers *** (1998, Adventure)			
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo/Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall	Spectacle: Elivs	Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	Pete Correale		
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	Larry King Live	Newsroom		
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz	Newsroom	Campbell Brown: No Bias	Doing Da Vinci (N)	Deadliest Catch	Million Dollar Listing	One Way Out		
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Time Warp (N)	Makeover		
48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	NCIS "Trojan Horse"	Crime Stories	Crime Stories	Collateral Damage ** (2002, Action)	Muchmusic Countdown			
46	46	46	HIST	Sea Hunters "Force Z"	The Prince & Me ** (2004, Romance-Comedy)	The Rare Breed *** (1966, Western)	The Dead Zone (1983, Science Fiction)					
17	17	17	MM	Paris Hilton's My New BFF	(8:15) The Rare Breed *** (1966, Western)							
206	206	206	PIX	The Big Lebowski	Mutant X	Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (2008, Suspense)	Douglas Scott.	Eyes Wide Sh				
39	39	39	SHOW	Gridiron Gang	Trailer Park	Real Housewives OC	Real Housewives OC	My Wardrobe	So Chic	Matchmaker		
40	40	40	SLICE	Rich Bride, Poor Bride	Serial ... (HDTV)	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours		
21	21	21	TLC	Little Bik	Prime ** (2005)	Romance-Comedy	Meryl Streep, Uma Thurman	The Break-Up (2006, Romance-Comedy)				
22	22	22	W	In Real Life	In Real Life	In Real Life	In Real Life	In Real Life	In Real Life	In Real Life		
27	27	27	YTV	In Real Life	In Real Life	In Real Life	In Real Life	In Real Life	In Real Life	In Real Life		

SUNDAY

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31	31	31	ABC	News	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos	NBA Count	NBA Basketball: West Final -- Nuggets at Lakers				
7	7	7	ASN	Smallville "Bloodline"	Funniest Home Videos	Million Dollar Password	Cold Case (HDTV)	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	Canada-Model			
11	11	11	CBC	The Nature of Things	The Hobber Bride (2007, Mystery)	Mary-Louise Parker.	Million Dollar Password	Cold Case (HDTV)	The Unit			
32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	News	60 Minutes	The Simpsons	Bob & Doug	Family Guy	American Dad	News	
6	6	6	CHIF	16:9 Picture	King of Hill	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Fun With Dick & Jane ** (2005, Comedy)	Téa Leoni				
9	9	9	CJCH	Corner Gas	Degrassi: TNG	King of Hill	American Dad	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First		
36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "Sanctuary"	News	Dateline NBC	Taylor Swift's first-ever	headlining tour	The Last Templar * (2009, Adventure)			
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	The WWE Experience	BodogFight	Strikeforce		Pokerstars		
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Facts-Fishing	World Poker Tour	NBA Basketball: West Final -- Nuggets at Lakers					
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre	World Poker Tour	CSI: Miami "Hell Night"	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami		
16	16	16	A&E	Great Towns	MYTV	The Mix	Living, Dream	Arbor Live	Mortal Thoughts *** (1991, Drama)			
70	70	70	APTN	Inside the Actors Studio	Spectacle: Elivs	Just for Laughs	Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Forrest Gump *** (1994, Drama)			
37	37	37	BRVO	Laughs	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	The Office	
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs	State of the Union	Larry King Live	Nature's Most Amazing	MythBusters	Newsroom	
18	18	18	CNN	Newsroom	Newsroom	MythBusters	Nature's Most Amazing	My First Place	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home	Hyd Potential	
38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	NCIS "Angel of Death"	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	TBA	
48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes in New Orleans	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Video on Trial		
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Gross to star in Gunless

Canadian actor-director Paul Gross, star of the mid-'90s television series *Due South*, has signed on as the lead in the Western comedy *Gunless*, in which he'll play a notorious American gunslinger. **REUTERS**

Entertainment**Fx secures rights to Museum film**

TELEVISION RIGHTS FX has snatched another box-office champ for the small screen, securing the exclusive television rights to *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian*, which opened at No. 1 with a gross of \$70 million during the holiday weekend.

The basic cable network is expected to pay a standard license fee: 12 per cent of the movie's domestic box office, with a cap at \$200 million.

With Smithsonian on course to cross that mark, FX likely will end up shelling out \$24 million for the Ben Stiller-starring comedy.

REUTERS**In brief**

FILM Tom Hanks has tapped into his knowledge of World War II to executive produce a new documentary, *Beyond All Boundaries*, which will screen daily in the National WWII Museum in New Orleans. **REUTERS**

Farley follows his nose in spinoff

BOOKS For her 30th anniversary, Lynn Johnston has branched out from comic strip to children's lit.

But she hasn't strayed too far: fans will see a familiar, big, fuzzy face in the main character of *Farley Follows His Nose*.

In her debut children's book with sister-in-law Beth Cruikshank, Johnston says she used

the Old English sheepdog from her beloved, long-running *For Better or for Worse* comic — which happens to be three decades old this September and has had a phenomenal run in at least 20 countries.

"I get to draw the dog, which I love to draw; it was an opportunity to see him big, and do a lot of expression and colour," said the North Bay-based Johnston in a recent interview.

The book, aimed at kids from kindergarten to Grade 3, follows Farley as he sniffs around in his neighbourhood. The different smells he picks up are showcased in a wavy line of

and helps a lost little boy from the party return home before getting home himself.

Cruikshank is a veterinarian, and the two worked together on the story after Johnston was contacted by Harper-

year from start to finish.

She enjoyed the process: "You don't get an opportunity to draw much when you are drawing (comic) panels," she said. "I love to draw."

Farley was named after Canadian author Farley Mowat and is based on a real dog Johnston once owned. The dog was jealous of her

son. "So I flipped a coin and the dog lost — he went to

a happy home on a farm."

Her goal in working on a children's book was to have fun.

"You want to have

young children enjoy it and the parent enjoy reading it to a child," she said. A friend recently read the book aloud to a kindergarten class, "who really enjoyed it because it was about smells."

And neither Johnston, nor Farley, are done quite yet: She's already working on another storyline for the loveable sheepdog.

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Farley, the family dog in *For Better or for Worse*, heads on a smelly adventure in comic artist Lynn Johnston's new kid's book.



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text at the bottom of pages, in a stream-of-consciousness mode: "... in the breeze he smelled roses fresh cut grass sweat people the cat next door ..."

Farley heads to a birthday party after picking up the scent of hotdogs and popcorn, then takes a trip to an unfamiliar town, then finds his way back

Collins Canada. A portion of royalties earned goes to the Farley Foundation, which helps families pay vet bills they otherwise couldn't afford.

Johnston said she did the illustrations for Farley first in pencil, then ink, before a watercolourist put on the finishing touches. The book took about a



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Electronic music pioneers, Depeche Mode, are set to resume touring next month after the band revealed Thursday that singer Dave Gahan underwent surgery to remove a tumor. **REUTERS**

Entertainment

DreamWorks ups animation ante

DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc will release five feature films every two years, adding an additional film every other year to its existing two picture-a-year release schedule going forward, Chief Executive Jeffrey Katzenberg told investors.

The company's slate

through 2012 now includes eight feature films, including five original films and three sequels based on its Shrek, Madagascar and Kung Fu Panda franchises. All DreamWorks Animation films are available in 3-D.

Katzenberg told the Cowen and Co Technology Media and Telecom Confer-

ence the animation company has "the resources and bandwidth to support the new films" and would see "significant cost savings on a per film basis."

Lazard Capital Markets analyst Barton Crockett saw the expanded slate as "a positive." Shares of DreamWorks were up 4

cents at \$27.20 in early afternoon trading on Nasdaq Thursday.

"By making more movies, we believe that (DreamWorks) has more chances to produce a new franchise, improving long-term earnings prospects, and increasing (its) strategic value to larger studios, such as its

distribution partner, where (it) expects to negotiate better terms after the deal expires in 2012," Crockett, who has a 'buy' rating on DreamWorks and a \$30 price target, wrote in a note to clients.

Because of a scheduling anomaly, DreamWorks Animation already had three films slated for 2010, and Katzenberg said it expected to see a five per cent to 10 per cent improvement in its typical production costs of \$130 million per film plus the \$15 million price tag for 3-D conversion.

Katzenberg said the company now believes it can produce each of its 2011 films for \$130 million including 3-D, lowering its costs by more than 10 per cent, in part through outsourcing some labour to India.

The company believes the number of major animated film releases from competi-

Release dates

- DreamWorks Animations' revised release slate is:
- How to Train Your Dragon on March 26, 2010;
- Shrek Forever After on May 21, 2010;
- Oobermind (formerly titled Master Mind) on Nov. 5, 2010;
- Kung Fu Panda: The Ka-boom of Doom on June 3, 2011;
- The Guardians (working title), on Nov. 4, 2011;
- Puss In Boots (working title) on March 30, 2012;
- A Madagascar sequel on May 25, 2012;
- A Nov. 2, 2012 release of an unnamed project. **REUTERS**

tors will drop over the next few years, leaving room for more high end animation, Katzenberg said.

"Demand is greater than what's in the market now," he said. **REUTERS**



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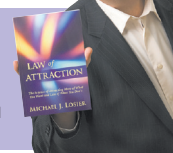
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The Paley Center and NBC counted down TV's 50 Funniest Phrases in a two-hour special earlier this week. The top spot went to Seinfeld's "Yada, yada, yada," beating out Homer Simpson's infamous "D'oh!" USMAGAZINE.COM

Going Out

Let the Happiness Project reign

Sunny Side

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

It's nearly impossible to find any uplifting stories on the news these days — the economy's still crashing, people are losing jobs — so when an album titled the Happiness Project comes out, you can't help wonder if the disc is just a sarcastic joke. Turns out Charles Spearin's debut record, which came out in February, is as uplifting as the title suggests.

The Happiness Project isn't a collection of infectious pop tunes, though — far from it. Spearin, who makes his living as a member of Broken Social Scene and Do May Say Think, recorded his neighbours talking about what makes them happy, and then put music to the melodies of

their voices. The result is a thought provoking, avant garde look at what makes people tick.

"I geared the conversation towards what they thought was important in life, specifically happiness," says Spearin. "The subject of happiness has naïve connotations, but at the same time it's what everyone wants in life. People say they want peace or justice or health and money, but those are all means to happiness."

The irony of releasing something called the Happiness Project as Canadians become increasingly worried about life is not lost on Spearin, but there is something all those anxious people can take away from this record.

"Happiness isn't totally dependent on economics," says Spearin. "Generally, there's a certain point where you have to have a certain amount of wealth to get by, but when you

reach that point, happiness and wealth have very little to do with each other.

could have recorded his many musician friends too, but he wanted to keep

the kids," he explains. "It's a bigger part of my life right now. I spend a lot of

that. And, the more I travel the more I appreciate where I come from."

Capturing the neighbourhood's positive mood was, to Spearin's surprise, relatively easy. He says that the stories, and the accompanying music, came naturally. "There were moments in what people said that was quite beautiful and inspiring," he says.

It's easy to see that Spearin is thrilled with the end result, but so are his interview subjects. "Mrs. Morris (the woman talking in the track Mrs. Morris) gave me a call the day after we preformed the album in Toronto and said she felt like a new born baby, because she got so many hugs at the show."

If that's not happiness, then what is?



My neighbours are saying happiness is love. That's important to remember when the economic situation isn't so good."

For Spearin, happiness is about family — he has two children — and community, so it makes sense that he recorded his daughter and his neighbours. He

the stories as local as possible.

"My neighbourhood has become more important to me now that I have two lit-

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When: Friday and Saturday
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The fifth annual family extravaganza features interactive activities, exhibits and guest speakers. Times are Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Opera Nova Scotia

When: This weekend, various times
Where: Sir James Dunn Theatre
The event is titled The Rake's Progress by Stravinsky and will run over three days. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors.

Discovering Chimpanzees

When: Through Sept. 7
Where: Discovery Centre
It's time to go ape for the new exhibit titled Discovering Chimpanzees: The Remarkable World of Jane Goodall. The exhibit includes The Chimp Forest and Reason for Hope.

Yuk Yuk's presents Chris Quigley

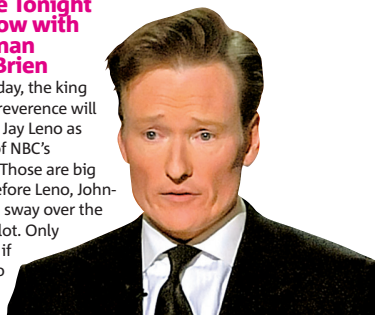
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Westin Nova Scotia
Time for a lot of laughs as Quigley, one of this country's top comedians, headlines a show that also includes Catherine Robertson, E. Rosen and Bill Wood. Tickets are \$18.

Fiesta Flamenca

When: Saturday
Where: Casino Nova Scotia
Flamenco Festival Atlantic presents its annual fundraising event, which will include performances by local flamenco artists and a showcase of upcoming talents. Tickets are \$22 and \$26.

Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now**1 The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien**

TV Come Monday, the king of talk-show irreverence will take over from Jay Leno as the new host of NBC's Tonight Show. Those are big shoes to fill. Before Leno, Johnny Carson held sway over the coveted time slot. Only laughs will tell if O'Brien is up to the task.

**2 Drag Me to Hell**

FILM Spiderman director Sam Raimi returns to cult horror territory with this modestly budgeted B-movie shocker, starring Alison Lohman and Justin Long. Like Raimi's classic Evil Dead films, Hell makes no apologies for its cheap thrills — it's story revolves around an insurance claims professional who gets a little greedy and is cursed by an old woman. Perfect if you are looking for a break from tepid summer blockbusters.

3 Veckatimest: Grizzly Bear

ALBUM The buzz around this Brooklyn quartet has been building since last year when they landed the opening-act job for Radiohead's North American tour. And, now the art-rock band's second outing is already one of the best-reviewed records of the year — it holds a current Metacritic score of 88 while trendmakers Pitchfork gave it a 9.0 rating.

4 The City & The City: China Mieville

BOOK You will not find Mieville on many bestseller lists but this British writer's name is spoken with hushed reverence in cult circles. The left-leaning author's self-proclaimed "weird fiction" is a mashup of sci-fi and horror with a hint of political philosophy. His latest book lives takes place in Beszel, a city that has a ghostly twin of itself that exists in the same space.

5 Meg White and Jackson Smith

COUPLE While all the spotlight's been shining on the gag-worthy coupling of Mel Gibson and Oksana Grigorieva, White Stripes drummer Meg White and fiancé Jackson Smith quietly got hitched in Nashville. They are arguably confirms them as rock's coolest couple — Smith's the son of punk legend Patti Smith and late MCs guitarist Fred 'Sonic' Smith. No baby talk yet but boy, what a garage-punk powerhouse that kid is gonna be.

6 Rollie Pemberton

PEOPLE Roll over T.S. Eliot wannabes, it's hip-hop time. The Edmonton native — better known as rapper Cadence Weapon — will be the city's new poet laureate on July 1.

7 Alice Munro

AUTHOR The grand dame of Canadian short stories finally gets the international recognition she deserves. The three-time Governor General's Award was handed the Man Booker lifetime achievement award this week. Munro will also release her new book Too Much Happiness this year.

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Entertainment

Teen pop star longs for cred

Disney teen idol Demi Lovato kicks off her first headlining U.S. tour next month with the usual trappings, like a band and a flashy light show.

And the same youngsters who blew out their parents' eardrums at concerts by Disney stablemates the Jonas Brothers and Miley Cyrus will likely work themselves into another

high-pitched frenzy when the 16-year-old singer/actress takes the stage.

But what the Texas-born star of the Disney Channel series *Sonny* with a Chance really wants to do is play big arenas by herself, more in the earnest mold of a certain veteran rocker rarely linked to teen pop.

"I want to get to the

point where one day I don't have to have anything but a rug and a microphone stand on stage and still be able to sell out places like Madison Square Garden, like Bruce Springsteen does," Lovato told Reuters in a recent interview. "People are there to appreciate his music rather than his glamour or anything like that. It's kind

da the path I wanna go down with music, to become more credible and more respected as an artist and musician."

"I'd rather sound really bad than lip-synch," she said. "And that's happened. I've had really bad shows, but at least people know that I'm not lip-synching. And that's more important to me."

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Entertainment

Rivera art takes in \$800,000

A vibrant Diego Rivera painting on linen fetched nearly \$800,000 US at Sotheby's Latin American art auction, but the overall sale was the weakest in years because of the economic downturn.

"It (the recession) is catching up in different countries," said Carmen Melian, Sotheby's Latin American art chief.

"Things are cyclical."

The sale late on Wednesday totalled \$6.7 million, a fraction of the previous Latin American sale in November of \$16.7 million sale.

But there was spirited competition for Rivera's portrait of a kneeling Mexican Indian girl, *Nina con Rebozo*, (Girl with Shawl). It sold for \$794,500, well

above its \$450,000 estimate.

"The colors are as fresh as they just came off Diego's brush," said Melian about the superb condition of the 1930s work.

A 1942 painting by Uruguay's Joaquin Torres-Garcia called "Construcción Portuaria" was the second best seller at \$626,500.

The panorama of Montevideo's port recalls square patterns of Piet Mondrian, Torres-Garcia's fellow member in 1930s Parisian abstract art group. Melian said massive Inca stones may have inspired some of the work's iconography.

Overall, the evening sale was the weakest since 2004 or 2005, perhaps earlier said Melian. **REUTERS**



Nina con Rebozo, by Mexican artist Diego Rivera, is seen during the press preview of Latin American Art at Sotheby's Auction House in New York.

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Rihanna and Kanye West have teamed up to make his new video for Paranoid extra-steamy. Rihanna, who doesn't sing on the track, is in sexy lingerie, rolling around in bed and staring seductively at the camera. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Celebrity Buzz

Chris in legal hot water again

VIOLENCE Chris Brown is facing more legal trouble — this time from a man who claims he was beaten up by the singer's bodyguard, people.com reports.

Robert Rosen is suing Brown, 20, for personal injury, alleging he was roughed up after taking a snapshot of Brown at a Los Angeles fitness club on March 13, according to the lawsuit filed in L.A. Superior Court.

Rosen claims he was chased by the bodyguard, who yelled at him after taking the picture while Brown was playing basketball, and attempted to

run away, but an employee of L.A. Fitness Club allegedly "tried to block (Rosen's) exit and grabbed his clothing and body."

Rosen broke free but then fell down a flight of stairs, the lawsuit says. The bodyguard then allegedly "picked (Rosen) up by his shorts, and physically assaulted him," according to the lawsuit. Rosen adds he was "severely injured and disabled, both internally and externally," claims he was falsely imprisoned, and is seeking damages covering his medical bills and emotional distress.

Rosen, who's also suing the fitness club for negli-

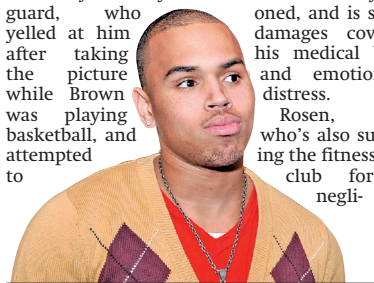
gence and other claims, argues its employees did not adequately protect him.

Brown's lawyer, Mark Geragos, says, "This is a specious and frivolous lawsuit by one of the paparazzi seeking publicity and a payday. He's done this before and lost. We will vigorously de-

fend against this."

An L.A. Fitness Club manager had no comment. The lawsuit makes no mention of whether police were called. A Los Angeles Police Department spokesperson had no knowledge of the incident.

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Boyle goes ballistic

UGLY SIDE According to British reports, police intervened after the Britain's Got Talent finalist Susan Boyle, 48, cussed out two strangers in front of guests in the lobby of the Wembley Plaza Hotel in North London on Wednesday, us-

magazine.com reports. Boyle — the Scottish singing sensation who won over millions with performances on YouTube — was overheard yelling: "How f—ing dare you! You can't f—ing talk to me like that."

Police officers who were stationed at the hotel then approached Boyle and asked if there was a problem. She shouted, "Of course there's a f—ing problem."

In tears, Boyle then stormed off, as her family, staff and police quickly followed. No arrests were made, and Boyle went back to her room after the incident.

A rep for Boyle explains the incident to London's The Times: "A journalist from a tabloid paper provoked her, the police just happened to be at the hotel and escorted said journalist out after making sure Susan was OK," the

spokesperson told the paper.

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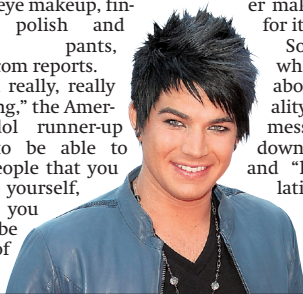
NEWFOUND FAME Adam Lambert says role models come in different forms — even in eye makeup, fingernail polish and tight pants, people.com reports.

"It's a really, really cool thing," the American Idol runner-up says, "to be able to show people that you can be yourself, and you should be proud of your-

self, and you should own who you are and what you're about, and never make apologies for it."

So to those who speculate about his sexuality, he has a message. "Calm down," he says, and "keep speculating."

Lambert, 27, says his comfort with him-



The Hills, like, so fake: Paris

POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK?

Reality TV star Paris Hilton says her beau Doug Reinhardt won't be appearing on MTV's The Hills again, usmagazine.com reports. "The show is, like, so lame and fake. He doesn't even want to be a part of it," Hilton told usmagazine.com.

Lauren Conrad famously dumped Reinhardt on the show. Brody Jenner later accused Reinhardt of going behind Conrad's back by pursuing Stephanie Pratt.

But Hilton told us the show por-

trayed Reinhardt "in a way he's not."

"They make up relationships when they're not there, and he just thinks it's lame," she said. "I've never seen the show in my life. I have no idea what it's about. But he just thought it was cheesy."

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Madge happy for A-Rod

NO ILL WILL Madonna is reportedly "relieved"

that Alex Rodriguez has moved on and is allegedly dating Kate Hudson. "Madonna is actually

relieved that A-Rod seems so happy with Kate," a source tells the New York Daily News. "He's getting a great batting average here."

"In fact, Madonna is actually proud that she's raised the bar for him, so he can date a better calibre of women."

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Adam the role model

self can serve as an example. "It feels really amazing to be able to try and pass that on to kids and young adults who don't have a role model like that," he says. "It feels great because I never had a role model like that."

As for all the talk about his personal life, Lambert has just one word when asked if he'll address his sexuality directly: "Maybe."

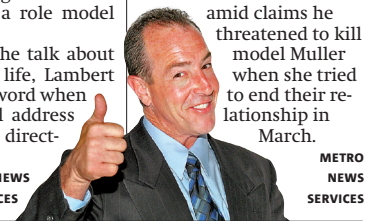
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Papa Lohan in trouble again

BAD BOY Michael Lohan, Lindsay Lohan's father, is facing charges over allegations he made a threatening phone call to his on/off fiancée Erin Muller, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Lohan was reportedly arrested last month amid claims he threatened to kill model Muller when she tried to end their relationship in March.

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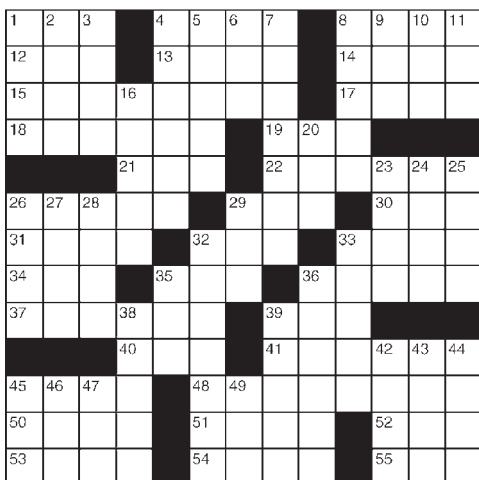




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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

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13-17 min.....Scholar	21-25 min.....Not bad
	25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Crumbled Fish with Parsley and Lemon

INGREDIENTS:

2 lemons
2/3 cup (150 ml) fresh whole-wheat breadcrumbs
1/4 cup (175 ml) chopped parsley
2 garlic cloves, crushed
pepper to taste
4 chunky pieces of skinless white fish fillet, about 4 1/2 oz (130 g) each
2 tsp (10 ml) whole-grain mustard
3 Italian tomatoes, quartered
1 large zucchini, thinly sliced diagonally
1 tbsp (15 ml) extra virgin olive oil

SAFFRON MASHED POTATOES:

2 lbs (1 kg) potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
1 tsp (5 ml) saffron threads
1/4 cup (175 ml) low-fat milk
pepper to taste

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Finely grate rind and squeeze juice from 1 lemon. Mix rind with breadcrumbs, parsley and garlic, and season with

pepper.
2. Place fish fillets in large, lightly oiled ovenproof dish. Spread mustard evenly over top of fish, then sprinkle over lemon juice. Arrange tomatoes and zucchini around fish. Cut remaining lemon into four wedges and put these into dish, too.
3. Spoon breadcrumb mixture over fish and press down lightly. Drizzle with olive oil. Bake fish for 25 minutes or until it flakes easily and topping is crisp.
4. Meanwhile, for saffron mashed potatoes, place potatoes in pot, cover with boiling water and add saffron. Cook potatoes for 15-20 minutes or until tender. Drain potatoes and mash with milk. Season with pepper. Serve fish with saffron mashed potatoes, tomatoes and zucchini.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

You need to sit down and have some serious words with a friend you used to get along with but who now seems distant and detached from reality.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Sometimes you can be too much of a perfectionist and that could be a problem today, especially where creative activities are concerned.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

If you are on the ball today you can quite easily turn a short-term loss into a long-term gain. The key is to get close to people in positions of power.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Sometimes it is easy to be cynical about the state of the world but don't get too suspicious today or you could miss out on a joyful event.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Whatever you choose to do today others will criticize you for it, so you might as well ignore them and do it anyway.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

You may be hurting on the inside but you will still put on a brave face. Lose yourself in an activity that demands your full attention.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

You may have been able to get away with all kinds of outrageous behaviour in the past but the planets warn it would be a bad idea to push your luck.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

You will win an argument of some kind today but don't make too big an issue of it. Be gracious in your victory.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

If you stray from the straight and narrow today, by so much as an inch, someone will be waiting to pounce and make you look bad.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Neptune, planet of imagination but also illusion, turns retrograde in your sign today, so you need to be on your guard when interpreting issues.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Cooperation is the key to success. You may be tempted to go it alone but you won't get far if you do. Put your ego to one side and join forces with people.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

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